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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON EAST TIMOR

REF: A) STATE 69859 B) STATE 54353 C) JAKARTA 4820

1. (LOU) DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY STAFF OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE (CHAIRIED BY REP. STEPHEN SOLARZ, D-NY) PLANS TO HOLD HEARINGS ON EAST TIMOR. TIMING IS STILL UNCERTAIN BUT LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE SEEMS MOST PROBABLE. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS WE LEARN MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE HEARINGS.

2. (C) STAFFERS INDICATE SOLARZ HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN ASSESSING THE FOOD SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR AND GENERATING PROGRESS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND EMIGRATION ISSUES. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THERE WILL BE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN INDONESIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS IN EAST TIMOR: THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (ICRC, CRS, UNICEF) ACTIVITY; DETAINEES; AND REPORTS OF ATROCITIES SUCH AS DISCUSSED REF A AND B.

3. (C) ACTION REQUESTED: POST HAS DONE A GOOD JOB ON REPORTING ON EAST TIMOR. ANY ADDITIONAL REPORTING, PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE, WHICH YOU COULD PROVIDE PRIOR TO MID-MAY WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER RESCHEDULING YOUR "EAST TIMOR: ASSESSMENT" DESCRIBED IN POST REPORTING PLAN (REF C) FOR ARRIVAL IN MAY. A CHRONOLOGY OF EMBASSY ACTIONS TO RAISE EAST TIMOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WITH CONCERNED INDONESIANS WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL IN PREPARING FOR THE HEARINGS. ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS ON RECOMMENDED APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT OPENING STATEMENT AT THE HEARINGS. WE ARE CONSIDERING USING IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS ON TIMOR, WITHOUT, OF COURSE, GLOSSING OVER THE PROBLEM AREAS.

4. (LOU) FOR INFO ADDRESSES: ANY INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE TOPIC WHICH YOU WISH TO PROVIDE IN PREPARATION FOR THE HEARINGS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME. HAIG

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